

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A shutter device comprising:

a shutter member which rotates around a rotational axis; and

a driving member for driving the shutter member by engaging the shutter member,

wherein

the shutter member has an insertion preventing portion capable of being rotated by the driving member,

the insertion preventing portion is positioned at a preventing position where the insertion preventing portion prevents an insertion of a recording medium by covering at least a part of an opening portion for inserting or ejecting the recording medium,

the insertion preventing portion is positioned at [[a]] an opening position where the insertion preventing portion is capable of inserting and ejecting the recording medium by opening the opening portion, and

an engaging portion of the shutter member and the driving member is between the preventing position of the insertion preventing portion and a symmetrical position with the position of said insertion preventing portion with respect to the rotational axis.

2. (original): The shutter device according to claim 1, wherein  
the driving member has a transporting member which inserts or ejects the recording medium by abutting against the recording medium, and  
the transporting member moves away from the recording medium while the insertion preventing portion moves to the preventing position from the open position.

3. (currently amended): The shutter device according to claim 2, wherein  
a clearance exists between the engaging portion of the shutter member and the driving member, when said insertion preventing portion is located in the open position, and  
the clearance is at least more than an amount of movement at the engaging portion of the driving member, when the transporting member abuts against the recording medium~~[[D]]~~.

4. (original): The shutter device according claim 1, wherein said shutter member is constantly urged in an opening direction.